GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003
FDI IN EDIBLE OIL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed the multinational companies to set up their business in edible oil production sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such FDI has adversely affected the indigenous oil industry; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to save the domestic edible oil industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.79 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 2 2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to(d): One of the significant features of economic and financial reforms in India has been a conscious recognition of the role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in accelerated economic growth. FDI is encouraged in various sectors, including the vegetable oils and vanaspati sector. As per the available information, 38 proposals for FDI in this sector had been approved till December, 2002, which has not adversely affected the domestic industry.